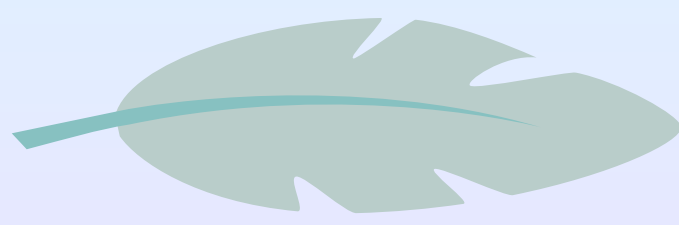
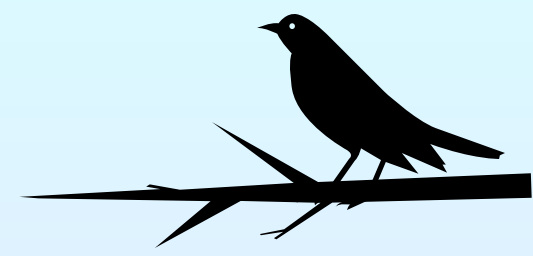


Spring Learning on a Bird Walk

Practice school readiness skills & learn about our feathered friends



Spring is here! It's a perfect time to get outside and do some learning in nature. See how many skills your child can build while finding out about birds!



Listen!

How many different bird songs can you hear?

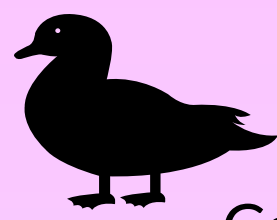
Stand still and count the songs

Try to imitate the sound. Is it more like "Caw! Caw!" or "Chick-a-dee-dee-dee"?

Can you rhyme words with the bird sounds?

Find out which kind of birds sing each song here:

<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>



Imagine!

Can you pretend to be a bird?

What kind of bird would you be?

Where would you live?

What would you eat?

Watch!



How many birds can you see?

What colors are the birds?

Which are big and which are smaller?

How do birds look the same? How are they different?

Identify the birds here:

<https://www.audubon.org/bird-guide>



Move!

Where do the birds go?

What direction are the birds flying in?

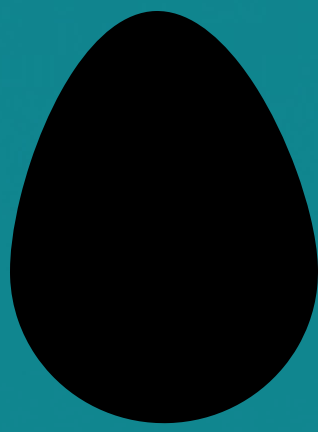
Can you follow them and see where they are flying to?

Do they fly in circles or straight lines?

Can you move your arms like a bird's wings?

Discover!

Ostriches lay the biggest eggs in the world which weigh about 3 pounds.



Woodpeckers can peck up to 20 times per second which adds up to 8,000-20,000 pecks a day.



Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards without relying on the wind.



Owls can rotate their heads 270 degrees around because they cannot move their eyes in their sockets.



Find out more!

Check out these resources.

To help kids start bird-watching: <https://www.audubon.org/news/easy-ways-get-kids-birding>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/birding-for-kids/>

To learn about how birds fly: <https://www.dkfindout.com/us/animals-and-nature/birds/how-birds-fly/>

To learn how to feed birds in your backyard: <https://parade.com/846334/juliebawdendavis/feed-the-birds-with-your-kids/>

To find children's books about birds: <https://www.audubon.org/news/ten-birdy-childrens-books-read-your-fledglings>